

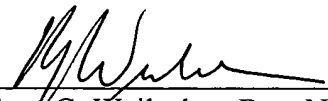
Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claims to avoid the surcharge.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bl Cont 9. A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

a1 wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in Claim 1.

ar 11. (New) A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in Claim 2.

12. (New) A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in Claim 3.

Bl Cont 13. (New) A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in Claim 4.

14. (New) A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in Claim 5.



9. A steering assist system for providing steering assist by transmitting the rotation of an electric motor to a steering shaft via a worm shaft, as a rotating shaft formed with a worm, and a worm wheel meshed with the worm of the worm shaft,

wherein an output shaft of the electric motor and the worm shaft are interconnected via the joint as claimed in [any one of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1.

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